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In the Matter of the Application of )
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Serial No. 10/784,435 ) Examiner H.L. Pezzuto
) Group Art Unit 1713
Filed: February 23, 2004 ) Confirmation No. 2534
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For: Novel Thiol Compound, Copolymer and )
Method for Producing Copolymer )

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ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 13, 2006, the Applicant elects the embodiment disclosed in Group II, Claims 2-6, for prosecution at this time,

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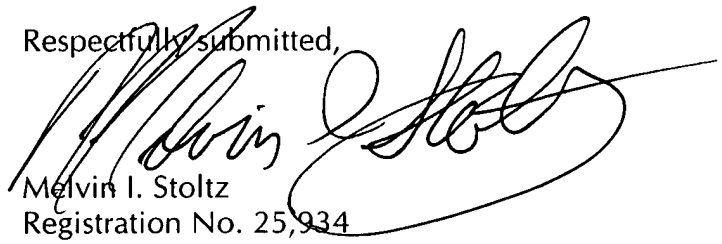
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which are drawn to a copolymer for prosecution at this time. a screen. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the additional embodiments disclosed in Group I, Claim 1, drawn to a thiol compound, and Group III, Claims 7, drawn to a method for producing a copolymer, in the future.

The Applicants believe that this election satisfies the requirements detailed in the Office Action of March 13, 2006 and that this application is now ready for an examination on the merits. Since this response it being made in a timely manner, no fees are required. However, any additional fees or credits for overpayment should be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4512.

If any questions remain, the undersigned Attorney would be pleased to discuss any such questions in a telephone call in order to expedite this matter. For this purpose, Applicants' Attorney has provided his telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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